Enquiry report on death of patients in G.B. Pant Hospital

3450. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expert Committee of A.1.1.M.S. which was appointed to probe into the death of several patients in G.B. Pant Hospital on account of use of expired medicines has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) The All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi has stated that they have submitted the report. The Delhi Police have informed that the report is being studied with the help of legal and medical experts. The investigation of the case is being monitored by the Hon'ble Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Delhi.

Unauthorised Blood Banks

3451. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the approved number of blood banks as on 30th June, 2000, State-wise, and the performance thereof by standard assessment, State-wise, for the past three years;

(b) the State-wise projection of blood requirement for the current year and Ninth Five Year Plan period and the steps taken to meet the same;

(c) whether it is a fact that a large number of unauthorized blood banks continue to operate to meet the growing requirement of blood in Nursing Homes/Hospitals; and

(d) the details of steps taken/proposed to check the alarming situation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) A statement is enclosed *(See* below). Licenses to these blood banks have been given based on their performance.